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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 14, 2021



ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY
MARCH 19

*"O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness."*

ST. WILLIAM AND ST. LAWRENCE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We come together as members of St. William and St. Lawrence Parishes. Two parishes, with separate identities working together to grow in grace and love as disciples of Christ through the sacramental life of the Church, and to form new disciples by proclaiming the Gospel to all through word and service."

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A Message from Fr. Augusty
IV Sunday of Lent - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23;
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21



In this passage John gives us the glowing core of his Gospel: God so loved the world that he gave his Son. It is the central verse of the fourth Gospel, the verse of the wonder that is reborn in us every time we read it and every time we listen to it. It is the verse from which springs the tenderness of God to us. Between God and the world, two realities that say everything distant and divergent, these words trace the convergence point, the bridge on which to meet and embrace the finite and the infinite: the love, the divine in man, the human in God. God loved; a verb in the past, to indicate an action that has always been, that continues in the present, and the world is steeped in a sea of love but very often we take it for granted or we don't realize it.

We are not Christians because we love God. We are Christians because we believe that God loves us. Salvation is that he loves me, not that I love him. He loved so much that he gave his son, considering every man more important than his son. If you wonder what it means to love, the answer of the Gospel is in that humble verb; give! He loved you and me as much as he loved Jesus his Son; and this will be forever. I am loved by God the Father as he loved his Son, Christ. We need a lot of love to live well. When we love, life in us doubles and increases our strength, we are happy. Our every gesture of caring, tenderness and friendship brings us the strength of God and opens a window on the infinite.

God loves us and takes care of us. We are not alone, abandoned by all and left to ourselves, prey to dangers, anxieties, fears and impossibilities. God, out of love, gave his son, Jesus, to us and through him he wiped away all our tears. On the cross he nailed all our pain. That's why today we have the right to be happy!

Before us, the people of Israel, during their journey into the wilderness, have experienced what it means to be guided step by step by a God who loves and saves. In the desert, people were victims of the poisonous serpents. But God gave them a remedy, through Moses, to be saved from the serpents. A bronze serpent, lifted up in the camp by Moses, was the only antidote. It was enough to look up, fix one's eyes on that sign and the poison lost its power be-

cause God had placed his power in that bronze serpent. The Israelites believed in the word of Moses and were saved. Now it is not a sign, but it is God, who took the form of us, that we must look and fix our eyes on. God the Father raised Jesus, who was crucified, for the world. It is to him that the Father invites us to look at and fix our eyes on. Our eyes should be fixed on him when the poison of hatred, violence, revenge, materialism and individualism bites our souls and causes them to die. Only Jesus, with his cross erected and planted in our heart, has the power to save us from all evil and to give us joy and life. That's why we cannot be sad and we do not fear evil anymore. Let us turn away from all that can give us momentary pleasure and all that cannot give us the perennial joy and save us. Let us turn towards Jesus always, letting ourselves be invaded by the peace that comes from his presence in our lives, a fore-taste of what we would have forever.

Do you have any reason to cry? Yes, all of us have a reason to cry, when there is something that makes us sad. Our Lord does not ask us to ignore it as if nothing happens in our lives. He is not asking us to hide our pain and put on a mask. He knows that the more we try to do that the more we fail to do that. He knows all the suffering that is in the life of each one of us, the sufferings that are there in each family and in the world. We can be sure that he does not miss even a single one of those. Today he is inviting us to find serenity within ourselves and rejoice in him. He is asking us to be aware of his steadfast love for us and to receive the greatest gift he made for us; Jesus our Lord. If we fix our eyes on him we can smile again and hope again. He knows how to wipe the tears from all over the world, including yours.

Prayer: *Jesus, you are the image of the love of the Father for me. I am loved! I am so loved and that is why I am happy. Even in the midst of trials, I want to fix my eyes on yours. Your cross restores my life and is the source of my hope. Nothing is greater than your desire to forgive, to free me, to make me happy forever, nothing, not even the whole world and all it contains! Thank you, Jesus! You do not impose upon me your love just because you are Love. You do not scream, do not humiliate me with your power, but invite me gently to fix my eyes on you and to meet you. Let me not forget that the cross on which you died is imprinted in my life and the lives of my every brother and sister, as a sign of the greatest love. Thank you Jesus! I will never stop telling you, you are the one, the only God that can overcome sin and death for the happiness of those who love you. I love you Lord. Amen.*



Smiley Corner: Three men are traveling on a ship, when they are accosted by the Devil. The Devil proposes that if each man drops something into the sea and whomever cannot find it, he will be that man's slave. If the Devil does find it, however, he will eat that man up. The first man drops a pure, clear diamond, and immediately gets eaten. The second drops an expensive watch, trying to impress the Devil, and gets eaten. The third man fills a bottle with water and pours it into the sea yelling, "You think I'm a fool? Try finding that!"

These are the people that signed up for the Matthew 9 Mission, for the days of 8-14 of every month. They will pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood. If you would like to sign-up, call the office.

SAINT WILLIAM CHURCH

- 8 Darlene Fulkerson; Becky Howard
- 9 Carl & Dottie Payne; Patsy Bennett; Lillian Edge
- 10 Ginger McBride; Irene Nealen
- 11 Anna Turner; Pat & Charles Lanham
- 12 Phoebe Johnson-Huff
- 13 Charlie Hamilton
- 14 Will & Kelly Wathen Family

SAINT LAWRENCE CHURCH

- 8
- 9 Laura Rhodes
- 10 Joyce Hurm
- 11 Annette Connor
- 12 Russell Rhodes Family
- 13 Larena Lawson
- 14 Danny & Dot Edge



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	8:00 a.m. SW	Catherine Mudd (dec)
Tue.	8:00 a.m. SW	Donald Cecil (dec)
Tue.	6:00 p.m. SL	Mitchell Cecil (dec)
Wed.	8:00 a.m. SW	Mary Edna Payne (dec)
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. SW	Bernard & Gladys Nun (dec)
Thurs.	6:00 p.m. SL	J.B. & Jossetta Coomes (dec)
Fri.	8:00 a.m. SW	Joe & Rosey Lanham (dec)
Sat.	8:00 a.m. SL	Warren Lanham
Sat.	4:00 p.m. SW	Dick Boarman (dec)
Sun.	6:30 a.m. SW	Gail Haynes (dec)
Sun.	8:00 a.m. SL	Loretta Higdon (dec)
Sun.	10:00 a.m. SW	Frank Carrico (dec)
Sun.	12:00 p.m. SW	Parishioners



Joe Fitzgerald, Kathy Edge, Marti Rhinerson, Junior Hurm, Shelia Sanders, Dwayne Mattingly, Marie Fulkerson, David Montgomery, Allie Rickard, Ashley Whitaker, Cary Mattingly, Starla Warren, Terry Stone, Francine Wright, Donna Barnett, Cecilia Recker, Sherri Murphy, Keilen Aud, Tabatha Roberts,

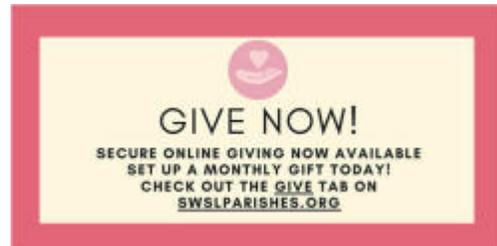
Stevie Rhodes, Alex Payne, Whitney Burden, Eddie Burden, Jim Hazel, Nancy Meisenhelder, Jimmy Haynes, Jerome Hamilton, Kent Recker, Paige Morton, Margie Duncan, Warren Lanham, Janet Cecil, Kenneth Huskisson, Bill McBrayer, Charles Aud

STEWARDSHIP

"Our return to the Lord": In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from God, last weekend we chose to return a portion to the Lord"

With the restriction due to the Coronavirus there will be baskets to drop tithing envelopes in after Masses. You may still leave envelopes in the door at the church office or mail them.

March 8, 2021	St. William envelopes	St. Lawrence envelopes
Regular Collections	\$ 9,808.00	\$ 2,710.00
Loose	\$ 5.00	\$ 12.00
Children's		
Total	\$ 9,813.00	\$ 2,722.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 2,800.00
Collections Year to Date**	\$ 286,568.71	\$ 93,977.01
Budget Year to Date**	\$ 345,600.00	\$ 98,000.00
Over (Under) YTD**	\$ (59,031.29)	\$ (4,022.99)
Easter Seminary		\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 810.00	\$ 259.00
Catholic Relief		\$ 20.00
Holy Land		\$ 20.00
GYM PARKING LOT REPAIR		\$ 11,375.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$ 815,908.39



SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: St. Lawrence Saturdays 7-7:30 am. Gym Saturdays 3-3:30 pm.

BAPTISM: Parents requesting Baptism for an infant or child under age 7, contact Kara Bekebrede, at the parish office. Baptismal preparation is required and is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month **by appointment only**.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive the Sacrament is asked to call the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS: Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital.

HOLY MATRIMONY: At least one party must be a registered member of this parish. Do not set a wedding date before meeting with the Pastor. Please call for an appointment with Fr. Augusty at least six months before scheduling the wedding. The bride and groom must be free to marry in the Catholic Church before a date can be selected.

Faith Community Center FAQs

Has the design changed since we began the previous campaign?

Yes. We received a lot of feedback from the town hall meetings that were held in January and we made some changes to the design as a result. The modified design provides ADA accessible parking spaces and a covered walkway between the Faith Community Center and St. William Church. The covered walkway crosses through a parking lot between the Church and the new building. People will be able to be dropped off under the canopy and may enter the Church or the Faith Community Center during inclement weather, without being exposed to the elements. These modifications allow for greater accessibility to both buildings for everyone.

Can we just renovate the buildings we have instead of building new?

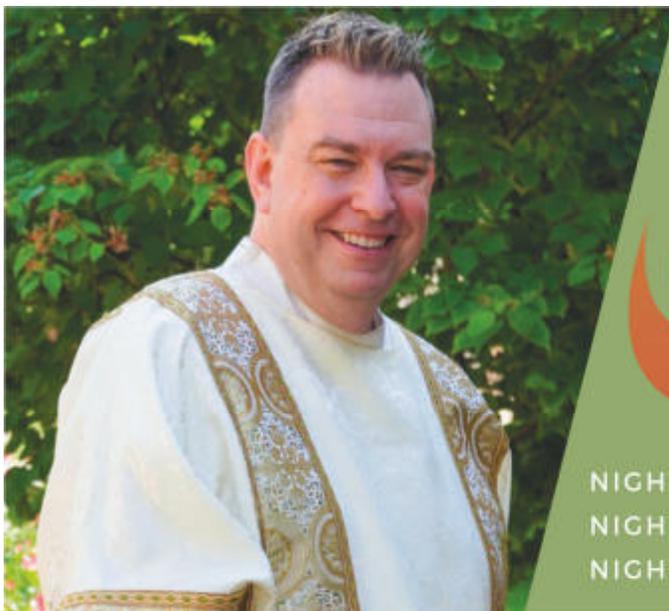
No. There would not be much cost-savings and we would still not be meeting all the needs of our community.



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ABLAZE

Mission with Deacon Keith Strohm

AT ST. MARY OF THE WOODS
6:30-7:30PM AT THE HORN CENTER
MARCH 22-24

NIGHT 1: YOU ARE THE FATHER'S DELIGHT
NIGHT 2: BREAKING THE POWER OF SIN
NIGHT 3: UNLEASHING THE SPIRIT



St. Patrick of Ireland

This week we celebrate the well known feast of St. Patrick. Even our secular world loves celebrating St. Patrick, but many don't know the man behind the celebration. Patrick was born in the 400s in England to a wealthy Christian family. His grandfather was a priest and his father was a deacon. He, however, did not give any attention to his faith and considered himself a non-believer. Sometime around his youth he also committed a sin so grave that others held it over his head up until his death. Many believe this sin was murder, that Patrick had killed a man. God, though, had an elaborate path to bring Patrick back to Him, and Patrick was kidnapped by Irish slave traders at age 16. Sold in northern Ireland to a man who fed him with the animals and beat him, Patrick was left to tend the flocks. His shaved head showed he was a slave, and he was exposed to the elements. It was here, away from the comfort and luxury of his former life, that Patrick encountered God. God became his constant, and only companion, and Patrick learned the depths of prayer and redemptive suffering. He pledged his life to God and was at peace with his circumstances, for they allowed much time for prayer. He was shocked when at age 22, a voice told him to escape and run to the coast, for a ship would take him home. He ran away and found the ship, but they wouldn't take him for he had nothing to pay with. He turned away to return to his master's flocks, but the sailors called after him and took him aboard. They landed in a desolate area of Britain and wandered for a month, running out of food. The sailors mocked Patrick for his God did not provide, but Patrick replied that nothing is impossible for God, and a herd of wild boar appeared shortly after. They ate and gained strength to continue their travels. Sometime Patrick escaped from this group and returned home to his parents. There, with his newfound faith, Patrick studied for the priesthood and was ordained a priest. He kept having visions and hearing cries of the Irish people pleading, "we entreat thee, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." Patrick asked his superiors to send him to Ireland, so they sent him off alone to evangelize the island of Ireland. Patrick was 40 when he arrived. He was run off from his first arrival, but eventually found a spot to land and celebrate Mass. He was found by a local chieftain who was struck by Patrick's piety and peace. He and his tribe were Patrick's first converts. Patrick then went to the high king of Ireland to ask his permission to evangelize in the land. The king never converted, but gave his permission, and Patrick travelled all over the island mak-



ing converts. He even went to his old slave master to convert him, but he was too proud to receive him and set his house on fire, dying in the flames. Patrick did meet persecution, and once his chariot driver took a spear meant for him. Despite the persecutions and sufferings Patrick endured, he effectively evangelized and converted the entire island of Ireland in his lifetime, starting at age 40. He was also ordained Bishop of Ireland whenever it was considered there were enough Catholics to need a bishop. He had a strong, bold, and convincing personality, yet struck people with his peace and devotion. While the shamrocks and snakes make good stories for St. Patrick, let us not forget who this suffering, sinful, powerful, and charismatic man really was. The man who loved his persecutors so much, to live his life for their eternal life. It is said, "all men of Ireland, living or dead, shall be blessed and consecrated to God through Patrick." May we imitate his bold and holy example. St. Patrick, pray for us!



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

March 15-21

March 17 Ivan & Kathy Hagan

43 years

March 20 Clint & Susan Ann Howard

11 years

There is no greater force against evil in the world than the love of a man and woman in marriage. After the Holy Eucharist, it has a power beyond anything that we can imagine.

March 15, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Today's readings: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

Engender cooperation

There have been some famous male/female teams in the history of Catholic religious orders. Benedict and Scholastica, Francis and Clare, Teresa of Ávila and John of the Cross. Another team included Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac, whose feast day is today. While Vincent founded the Vincentians, together he and Louise cofounded the Daughters of Charity. Today, there are 14,000 Daughters of Charity serving the poor all over the world. Commit to improving gender relations in your daily interactions. When woman and men feel free to make their unique contributions, great things can happen.

"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe."

March 16, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Today's readings: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

Healing water everywhere

The custom of dipping a finger into holy water and making the sign of the cross upon entering a church serves to remind us of our Baptism, whereby we first entered the Catholic Church. But the waters of Baptism do much more, altering our metaphysical makeup in a profound way. Christians adopted the ritual from John the Baptist, but the practice has even more ancient roots. It's tied to the Jewish use of mikvahs, purifying pools—including those mentioned in the Bible, like Bethesda and Siloam—that believers visited to cleanse themselves of sickness and sin. Let your own bathing rituals remind you of your baptismal promises.

"They shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary."

March 17, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP, MISSIONARY

Today's readings: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

Offer an Irish-inspired blessing

As the church and the Irish, and all who are "Irish for the day," celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick, let's also celebrate what we know of this remarkable fifth-century saint who brought the message of Christ to Ireland. Patrick writes in his Confession of his homeland (Roman Britain), his youthful captivity by pirates, his conversion, and his deepening desire to proclaim God's presence. There is no mention of snakes or shamrocks, but there is strong testament to Patrick's missionary zeal: "That is why I cannot be silent . . . about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity." Look for God's presence in this day and share your own good news.

"I cannot do anything on my own; . . . because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."

March 18, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Today's readings: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

Explore the roots of your faith

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem was a scholar and catechist at heart, but he spent years embroiled in the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. He spent 16 of his 35 years as Jerusalem's archbishop in exile over Arianism and political wrangling. Although he died in 386, it took until 1882 for him to be declared a doctor of the church for his significant theological contributions, many written for adults joining the church. In keeping with Saint Cyril's dedication to catechesis, devote some time

today to learning more about your faith.

"The works that the Father gave me to accomplish . . . testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me."

March 19, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

Try a little tenderness

When God's plans collided with his, Joseph attended to a calling beyond the law or custom of his day. He must have felt angry, betrayed, confused. But he also knew something greater was at stake than simply following rigid Mosaic code, which would have demanded stoning a woman found to be "with child" before marriage. Instead, he trusted Mary and trusted the dream that brought him angelic counsel. As Pope Francis said in his homily on this feast day in 2013, "in [Joseph's] heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength." Practice tenderness—the sign of a strong heart!

"He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

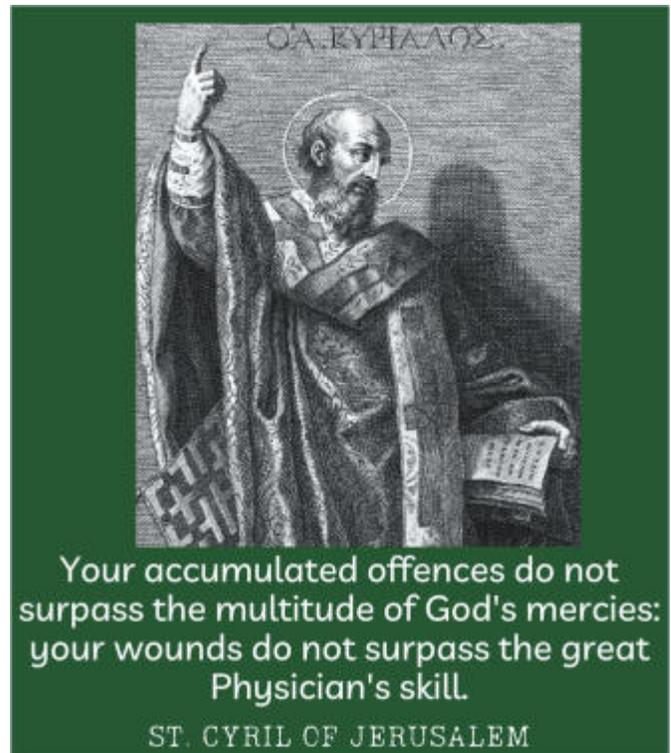
March 20, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Today's readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

Lie low to be raised high

In 1812, six young women joined to devote their lives to providing care and education for Catholic families living in Kentucky. Nineteen-year-old Catherine Spaulding from Maryland was chosen to lead the group that became the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (S.C.N.). Mother Catherine guided the congregation for 45 years, until her death on March 20, 1858. Today 550 S.C.N. sisters serve in 20 states and four foreign countries. Find your own quiet path of humility so that you, too, can be exalted. "Never before has anyone spoken like this man."





Mary Carrico Catholic School

Mary Carrico Catholic School strives to provide an environment for a quality faith-based academic education that prepares its students to become successful in living the Gospel of Christ, and capable of success in all aspects of life.

Beef Raffle

MCCS PTO is selling tickets for 1/4 beef cattle. Two quarters will be given away. Tickets are \$5 per chance.



The drawing is April 25.

Contact the school or an MCCS student to purchase tickets.



Upcoming School Events

March 12 School will be in session for a snow makeup day

April 2 Trial of Jesus Live Streamed at 2:00PM

April 4 Easter Sunday

April 5-9 Spring Break

April 29 Confirmation

May 2 First Communion

Read Across America Week March 1-5

Students dressed as their favorite book character to celebrate Read Across America Week.



Contact the school office to order SCRIP cards of sign up for the

mobile APP-Raise Right



You will need MCCS' code to enroll

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Become A Tuition Angel



Would you be willing to help a family with the gift of a Catholic Education? Angels may give at any level. **100%** of all donations go to a student's tuition at Mary Carrico Catholic School.

Due to the Covid pandemic, several families have had unforeseen financial difficulties due to sickness, quarantine, or lack of work. Any amount you could donate would help these families!

We will also be starting a scholarship fund for families who want their child to have a Catholic education but are not able to pay tuition at this time. **Angels may give at any level and 100% of all donations will go to a student's tuition.**



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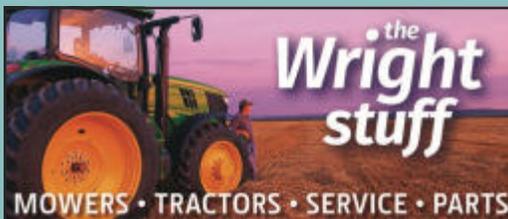
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